
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE
COUNTIES TO IMPROVE PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is known worldwide for its beaches and is
2 committed to public beach access to all residents and visitors;
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5 WHEREAS, beach access for persons with disabilities,
6 including veterans, is extremely limited, especially for those
7 with mobility limitations; and
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9 WHEREAS, access to Hawaii's beaches is meant to be open for
10 all residents and visitors and access to beaches should be
11 improved so as not to discriminate against persons with a
12 disability; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
16 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
17 Land and Natural Resources and the counties that maintain beach
18 transit corridors are requested to improve public beach access
19 to the shoreline for persons with disabilities at public beaches
20 that have a public restroom facility or are in an ocean
21 recreation management area; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in providing public access to
24 the shoreline at beaches, the Department of Land and Natural
25 Resources and the responsible counties consider the topography
26 and physical characteristics of the beach transit corridor; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
29 Natural Resources and the counties report to the Legislature no
30 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
31 Session of 2017 on the status of public beach access to the



1 shoreline for persons with disabilities at public beaches that
2 have a public restroom facility or are in an ocean recreation
3 management area; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
7 Board of Land and Resources and the mayors of Hawaii County,
8 Maui County, Kauai County, and the City and County of Honolulu.
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